## WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA

RESOLUTION NO. 12,824

## **PROCLAMATION**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7-13, 2019

**WHEREAS,** Americans are the victims of approximately 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to a thriving community, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the resources that can help them recover; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime, especially those who are challenging to reach or serve, are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodbury County Domestic Violence Workgroup is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2019, as Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm this county's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

DATED this 9th day of April 2019.

Keith Radig, Chairperson

Matthew Ung, Member

Marty Pottebaum, Member

Rocky Dewitt, Member

Attest: Patrick F. Gill, Woodbury County Auditor